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IN THE CLAIMS

In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the claims in accordance with the following LISTING OF CLAIMS wherein the amended claims are indicated as "original", "currently amended", "cancelled", "withdrawn", "new" "previously presented", or "not entered" as the case may be. In accordance with the Rules, the text of cancelled and not entered claims is not presented.

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LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-77 without prejudice to the subject matter claimed therein, and please amend 78-80, 82 and 121-122 as follows:

78. (currently amended) A flashlight comprising:
- an LED located at a distal portion of the flashlight;
 - a power source, the LED being capable of being brought into electrical contact with the power source to cause light to be emitted from the LED without having to move the power source relative to the LED; and
 - a structural flashlight component that is separate and distinct from the LED and that defines at least a portion of an exterior surface of the flashlight, the structural flashlight component being formed from a translucent material.
79. (currently amended) The flashlight of claim 78, further comprising a body in which the power source is received, the structural flashlight component being separate and distinct from the body.
80. (currently amended) The flashlight of claim 79, wherein a color of the structural flashlight component is different from a color of the body.
81. (original) The flashlight of claim 79, wherein the body is formed from a translucent material.
82. (currently amended) The flashlight of claim 81, wherein a color of the structural flashlight component is different from a color of the body.
83. (new) The flashlight of claim 78, further comprising an electrically conductive element that is generally convex in shape.

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84. (original) The flashlight of claim 83, wherein the electrically conductive element generally has the shape of a dome.

85. (original) The flashlight of claim 83, wherein the electrically conductive element is disposed in a first position wherein an open circuit exists between the power source and the LED, and is movable to a second position to close the circuit and thereby cause light to be emitted from the LED.

86. (original) The flashlight of claim 85, wherein light can be emitted from the LED without creating physical contact between the LED and the power source.

87. (original) The flashlight of claim 85, wherein the electrically conductive element is moved from the first position to a second position by applying pressure to an elastomeric element.

88. (original) The flashlight of claim 87, wherein the elastomeric element is in physical contact with the electrically conductive element when the electrically conductive element is in the second position.

89. (original) The flashlight of claim 87, wherein the electrically conductive element generally has the shape of a dome.

90. (original) The flashlight of claim 87, wherein the elastomeric element has a generally circular shape.

91. (original) The flashlight of claim 87, wherein the elastomeric element is not polygonal in shape.

92. (original) The flashlight of claim 79, wherein at least a portion of the body is formed from a metal.

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93. (original) The flashlight of claim 79, wherein the at least a portion of the body is formed from a plastic.

94. (original) The flashlight of claim 93, wherein the plastic from which at least a portion of the body is formed is translucent.

95. (original) The flashlight of claim 79, wherein at least a portion of the LED extends through and beyond an aperture formed in the body.

96. (original) The flashlight of claim 78, further comprising a movable conductive element.

97. (original) The flashlight of claim 96, wherein the movable conductive element comprises a lead of the LED.

98. (original) The flashlight of claim 96, wherein the movable conductive element is distinct and separate from but capable of physically contacting a lead of the LED.

99. (original) The flashlight of claim 98, wherein at least a portion of the electrically conductive element is disposed in both physical and electrical contact with the power source when light is being emitted from the LED.

100. (original) The flashlight of claim 99, wherein a first lead of the LED is in physical contact with the electrically conductive element when light is being emitted from the LED.

101. (original) The flashlight of claim 99, wherein a first lead of the LED is not in physical contact with the power source when light is being emitted from the LED.

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102. (original) The flashlight of claim 99, wherein the electrically conductive element is disposed out of physical and electrical contact with the power source when light is not being emitted from the LED.

103. (original) The flashlight of claim 79, further comprising a keyring support member.

104. (original) The flashlight of claim 103, wherein the keyring support member is integral with the body.

105. (original) The flashlight of claim 104, wherein the keyring support member is integrally formed as a portion of the body.

106. (original) The flashlight of claim 104, wherein the keyring support member comprises first and second members that extend away from the body.

107. (original) The flashlight of claim 106, wherein the first and second members extend away from the body in an initially parallel manner.

108. (original) The flashlight of claim 106, wherein a distal end of one of the first and second members loops back toward a distal end of the other of the first and second members.

109. (original) The flashlight of claim 106 wherein end portions of the first and second members releasably interlock with each other.

110. (original) The flashlight of claim 106, wherein one of the first and second members comprises a spring biased keyring lock.

111. (original) The flashlight of claim 110, wherein the keyring lock is pivotable about an axis.

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112. (original) The flashlight of claim 111, wherein the keyring lock is pivotable about a circular post.

113. (original) The flashlight of claim 106, wherein the keyring support member is located at a distal portion of the flashlight opposite to the LED.

114. (original) The flashlight of claim 79, wherein the body is formed from a first member that fits over and thereby encloses at least a portion of a side surface of a second member.

115. (original) The flashlight of claim 114, wherein the first member of the body fits over a substantial portion of the side surface of the second member of the body.

116. (original) The flashlight of claim 115, wherein the first member of the body fits over an entirety of the side surface of the second member of the body.

117. (original) The flashlight of claim 114, wherein the first member of the body encloses at least a portion of the power source.

118. (original) The flashlight of claim 117, wherein the first member of the body completely encircles a perimeter of the power source.

119. (original) The flashlight of claim 114, wherein the first member of the body encloses at least a portion of the LED.

120. (original) The flashlight of claim 119, wherein the first member of the body completely encircles a perimeter of the LED.

121. (original) The flashlight of claim 79, further comprising an elastomeric element that is movable with respect to the body and the ~~structural~~ flashlight component.

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122. (currently amended) The flashlight of claim 121, wherein an end portion of the elastomeric element is not generally coplanar with any portion of the first or second components of the ~~structural~~ flashlight component.